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## **DRILLING REPORT - 16 August 2012**

WELL NAME: Trapia 1 ST1, PNG

Oil Search reports that as at 06:00 PNG time on 16 August, the Trapia 1 ST1 well was at a depth of 1,433 metres in a 17-½" hole and preparations were underway to run and cement 13-3/8" casing.

During the week, a mechanical sidetrack was initiated from a depth of 1,208 metres and the  $17-\frac{1}{2}$ " hole was drilled to 1,433 metres. Drilling progress for the week was 590 metres.

The Trapia prospect is located approximately 13 kilometres east of the Angore gas field and 23 kilometres east of the Hides gas field. The primary objectives are the Toro and Digimu sandstones.

The participants in Trapia 1 ST1 are:

Oil Search Limited *	52.5%
Esso Highlands Limited	47.5%
Total	100%

<sup>\*</sup> Oil Search is drilling Trapia 1 ST1 under contract with the Operator, Esso Highlands Limited.

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## DRILLING REPORT - 16 August 2012

WELL NAME: Taza 1, Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Oil Search reports that as at 06:00 hours KRI time on 16 August, the Taza 1 well was at a depth of 1,206 metres and drilling ahead in 12-¼" hole. Drilling progress for the week was 13 metres.

During the week, running and cementing of 13-3/8" casing was completed.

The Taza prospect is located approximately 80 kilometres southwest of the city of Sulaymaniyah. The primary objectives are Miocene and Oligocene carbonates of the Jeribe and Euphrates Formations.

The participants in Taza 1 are:

Oil Search (Iraq) Limited *	60%
ShaMaran Petroleum BV	20%
Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)	20%
Total	100%

<sup>\*</sup> Oil Search's funding interest is 75%, with the KRG carried by Oil Search and ShaMaran.

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